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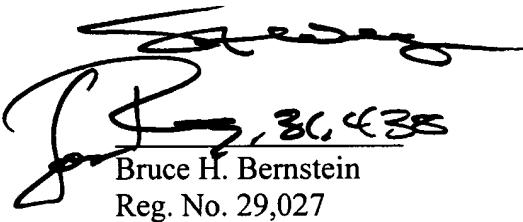
In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit to the Examiner a copy of an English language Abstract of Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-276491, which was published on April 15, 2004. Applicants note that a copy of the Japanese language document was previously submitted on June 29, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached hereto and is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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